Palm Harbor, FL (April 20, 2011) – On Wednesday, April 27, Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09) will host his annual Career Fair to help connect those searching for employment with more than 65 Tampa-area employers.

"Florida's unemployment rate remains one of the highest in the country, so we must do all we can to connect those who are out of work with local employers," Bilirakis said. "This career fair will serve as an excellent opportunity for those in search of jobs to meet with potential employers in the area."

The Career Fair will be held at the Bayanihan Arts & Events Center in Tampa from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Job-seekers should dress professionally, bring plenty of resumes, and prepare for potential interview situations.

"I've held small business roundtables throughout the Tampa Bay area, and what I hear over and over again is that excessive government spending, taxes and regulations are keeping small businesses from hiring," Bilirakis said. "We need to simplify the tax code, create stability in the economy and let businesses and families keep more of their hard-earned dollars in order to help put people back to work."

More than 50 employers and more than 500 job-seekers attended Bilirakis' most recent Career Fair in December 2010.

WHAT: Rep. Bilirakis' annual Career Fair

**WHO:** Tampa area employers and job seekers **WHEN:** Wednesday, April 27, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

WHERE: Bayanihan Arts & Events Center, <u>14301 Nine Eagles Drive</u>, <u>Tampa</u>, <u>FL 33626</u> WHY: To put job-seekers in touch with local companies that are hiring in our community

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